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APPLICANTS: BERND PAHL ET AL. - 2 (PCT) (DIV)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP DIVISIONAL Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.